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To VIKTOR[i].

On 13 June the wife of the NEIGHBOR[SOSSED][ii] POLYAKOV[iii], who has only just arrived here, died. In a conversation with DEDUSHKA[iv] POLYAKOV let fall the following phrase: "I cannot understand why she wanted [C% to have anything to do] with me." Symptoms [2 groups unrecovered] auto-intoxication. According to BORIS[v] P. quarrelled with his wife en route and even wanted to put her ashore at NAKHODKA[vi]. The post-mortem has so far produced no result. The final results we will advise later. D. and others said that P. the death of his wife strange in the extreme[a]. P. said to D. in private: "I don't want to go home, I want to work here." STEPAN[vii] and ALEKSEJ[viii] have been commissioned to keep an eye on P.'s behavior.

2. D. is persistently asking that he should be kept informed of political questions "which affect him too." Telegraph what [1 group unrecovered] questions and within what concrete limits I may confide in D. without of course indicating the sources.

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Note: [a] It seems probable that a group has been omitted in this sentence. It should probably read, approximately: "P.'s reaction [or behavior] on the death of his wife was strange in the extreme."

Comments:

- [i] VIKTOR: Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.
- [ii] SOSSED: Member of another Soviet Intelligence Organization.
- [iii] POLYAKOV: Vasiliy Grigorevich POLYAKOV worked in the Soviet Consulate, N.Y.C. His wife, Tamara Rodionovna arrived in the U.S.A. on 11 May 1944 and died 12 June 1944.
- [iv] DEDUSHKA: i.e. GRANDPAPA, Evgenij Dmitrievich KISELEV.
- [v] BORIS: Aleksandr Pavlovich SAPRYKIN, MGB cipher clerk at the Soviet Consulate, N.Y.C. He arrived in the U.S.A. on 11 May 1944 aboard the ship "SUCHAN," presumably the same ship as that on which Mme. POLYAKOVA arrived (see note iii above).
- [vi] NAKHODKA: A port on the east coast of the USSR.
- [vii] STEPAN: Possibly Pavel Ivanovich FEDOSIMOV.
- [viii] ALEKSEJ: Anatolij Antonovich YAKOVLEV.
- [ix] MAJ: i.e. MAY, Stepan Zakharovich APRESYAN.

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